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FLOOR DEBATE

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amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mossey for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 35 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 35. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. We will be passing over LB 30. Mr. Clerk, next item is LB 93.

CLERK: LB 93. No E & R. Senator Schrock would move to amend with AM0238. (Legislative Journal page 430.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock to open on AM0238.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just to refresh your memory, under the current law, when a natural resource district establishes best management practices in a groundwater management area, best management practices are often defined to include schedules of activities, maintenance procedures, and other management practices utilized to prevent or reduce present and future contamination of groundwater, which may include irrigation scheduling, proper timing of fertilizer application, and other fertilizer management programs. The bill adds the word "rate" of fertilizer application, which may be established by the natural resource districts. You may remember, on General File this was discussed. The only NRD which is impacted is the Central Platte NRD. And they have some isolated areas in that area where they want to regulate the rate of application of some fertilizers, especially nitrogen. And to do that, they have to be in...at the present time, they would have to be in consultation with the University of Nebraska. Under this proposed amendment, when a district established a rate of application, it would be in consultation with the University of Nebraska or a certified crop advisor, as certified by the American Society of Agronomy. The Central Platte NRD currently utilizes University of Nebraska recommendations. And this amendment would clarify that they would use either University of Nebraska or certified crop advisors in consultation of making recommendations. Not all natural